GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:327
ANSWERED ON:02.12.2004
MEMORANDUM FROM KERALA PENSION ORGANIZATION, TRIVANDRUM
Chandrappan Shri C.K.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received a memorandum from the Kerala Freedom Fighters State Pensioners Organisation, Trivandrum;

(b) if so, the details of the demands, they put forward; and;

(c) the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a): yes, Sir.

(b): The demand is for granting complimentary card pass facility in favour of freedom fighters receiving pension from the state governments.

(c): The scheme of grant of First Class/IIAC complimentary card passes to Freedom Fighters/their widows has been finalised in consultation with the Ministry of Home Affairs. As per the agreement, the cost of travel is to be borne by the Ministry of Home Affairs. Freedom Fighter/ widow of freedom fighter drawing pension under the "Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme" (from Central Revenues) from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India are to be issued one First Class Complimentary Card Pass alongwith one companion. Freedom Fighters who receive Pension from State Governments are not eligible for issue of complimentary card passes under the extant scheme. Expanding the scope of the scheme to include Freedom Fighters receiving pension from State Government has not been agreed to in in view of financial repercussions.